

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of
U.S. Application No. 09/533,950

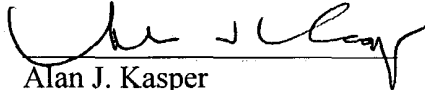
REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the application.

Please note that this application/Amendment is in connection with the Election of Species Requirement issued on October 1, 2002 in parent Application No. 09/533,950, where Applicants elected the species of Figs. 1-3. Applicants are now pursuing the species of Figures 4 and 5, as well as the species of Figure 6. Applicants assert that all of the claims read on these species. Accordingly, all claims have been examined.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE:

The title was amended as follows:

SELECTOR WITH GROUP IDENTIFICATION TERMINALS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

The following sentence was inserted before the first line on Page 1:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/533,950 filed March 23, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A selector comprising:
a plurality of address terminals;
a plurality of selector-output terminals; and
a plurality of group identification terminals which receive group identification signals that contain information about a number of divisions into which said selector-output terminals are to be divided into groups,

wherein, of the groups divided based on the number of divisions specified by the group identification signals, the group specified with the address signals is selected based on the group identification signals that are input from said group identification terminals and the address signals that are input from said address terminals, and the selector-output signal that is to be output from the selector-output terminal within the selected group is made effective.

4. A selector comprising:

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a plurality of address terminals;

a plurality of selector-output terminals;

a plurality of group identification terminals which receive group identification signals that contain information about a number of divisions into which said selector-output terminals are to be divided into groups; and

a selection output terminal which outputs a selection signal that identifies the selector-output signals that are output from said selector-output terminal,

wherein, of the groups divided based on the number of divisions specified by the group identification signals, the group specified with the address signals is selected based on the group identification signals that are input from said group identification terminals and the address signals that are input from said address terminals, and the selector-output signal that is to be output from the selector-output terminal within the selected group is made effective, and a selection signal that identifies the selector-output signals that are output in response to input of the address signals is output from said selection output terminal.